

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU03/00846

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 2-24, 26, 27 relate to a method/ system for electronically transacting a trade between a commercial provider and a customer of a merchant.

Claim 25 defines a host transaction engine processing a message.

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : G06F 17/60, G07F 19/00		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
WPAT, Keywords Eftpos, transact, bill/ticket, service/product, pay, gateway/portal, engine, xml and similar words		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6381582B, WALKER et al, 30 April 2002	
A	WO 0118759A, WALKER DIGITAL LLC, 15 March 2001	
A	WO 0075890A, RECEIPTCITY.COM, INC, 14 December 2000	
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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6164533A, BARTON, 26 December 2000	
X	US 6302326A, SYMONDS et al, 16 October 2001 Abstract, col 1-4	25
X	WO 01/84779A, SOFT TRACKS ENTERPRISES LTD, 8 November 2001 Abstract, page 5, claim 1	25
X	WO 01/45057A, HYPERCOM CORPORATION, 21 June 2001 Abstract, pages 1-4, claims	25

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
US	6381582	US	2003149632		
WO	200118759	AU	200065189		
WO	200075890	EP	1185945	WO	200075879
		WO	200075835	WO	200075855
		WO	200079496	WO	200075834
				WO	200079493
US	6164533	NONE			
US	6302326	US	6039245		
WO	200184779	AU	200150217	CA	2307521
WO	200145057	AU	200120857		
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